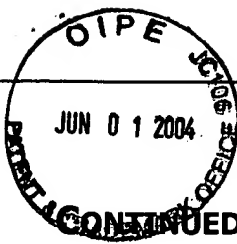


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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or  
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/787,359
Confirmation Number	7871
Filing Date	March 16, 2001
First Named Inventor	Akihiro GOTO
Group Art Unit	2879
Examiner Name	Dalei DONG
Matter Number	Q63491
Title	ELECTRODE FOR ELECTRIC DISCHARGE SURFACE TREATMENT AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
  - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
  - v. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. MISCELLANEOUS**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. FEES**

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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**SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY**

Name Keiko K. Takagi

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Signature

Date June 1, 2004 (May 30, 2004 being a Sunday and May 31, 2004 being a Federal Holiday)



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q63491

Akihiro GOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/787,359

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)**

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in further response to the Final Office Action dated January 30, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated May 18, 2004.

A Petition for Extension of Time for one month is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, extending the time for response from April 30, 2004 to June 1, 2004 (May 30, 2004 being a Sunday and May 31, 2004 being a Federal Holiday).

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is being filed concurrently.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: